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SUBJECT: LEBLANC PRESS RELEASE ON VESCO AIRCRAFT ROBBERY

REF: SAN JOSE 1323

1. THE VESCO EXECUTIVE JET SABRELINER, N-78-JP, WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON APRIL 2, DREW AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS RELEASE ON APRIL 3 FROM NORMAL LEBLANC, A VESCO ASSOCIATE IN COSTA RICA. TEXT OF RELEASE POUCHED TODAY TO CEN.

2. UNDER TITLE, "AIRCRAFT HIJACKED," RELEASE STATED THAT MIKE BRUMFIELD, WHO WAS A PILOT FOR CONNEX PRESS, INC., A NASSAU-BASED COMPANY OF WHICH LEBLANC IS PRESIDENT, TOOK THE PLANE ILLEGALLY. THE RELEASE GOES ON TO SAY LEBLANC "...WAS AWARE THAT AN OFFER OF \$10,000, A JOB AS A PILOT IN THE USA, AND PROTECTION IN THE USA HAD BEEN MADE IN COOPERATION WITH AN ORGANIZATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., TO MIKE BRUMFIELD TO HIJACK THE PLANE." MR. LEBLANC STATED, ACCORDING TO THE RELEASE, "IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE AIRCRAFT IS NOW IN THE UNITED STATES AND THIS IS THE MOST BLATANT STEP TAKEN SO FAR BY US INTERESTS TO CONTINUE TO HARRASS MYSELF AND COMPANIES IN WHICH I AM INVOLVED BECAUSE OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. VESCO.

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NO PERSON, AGENCY, OR GOVERNMENT OF ANY COUNTRY,

PARTICULARLY ONE WHO (SIC) PROFESSES TO BELIEVE IN AN (SIC)
OUTWORDLY (SIC) MAINTAINS A SELF-RIGHTEOUS IMAGE SHOULD BE
ALLOWED TO COMMIT FLAGRANT ACTS SUCH AS THIS AGAINST THE
SOVEREIGNTY OF COSTA RICA WITHOUT FULL PROSECUTION."
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